

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the Applicants regard as their invention. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **August 29, 2002**.

Objection to the Title

Examiner has objected to the title as being non-descriptive. A new title is herein submitted. Withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kimura et al. (US Patent 6,108,716).

Kimura et al. describes a portable computer system with a detachable keyboard in which a link unit (117) serves to link the main or system unit (10) and a keyboard (100). Pushing the push-button (117a) of the link unit (117) against the spring (118) causes the keyboard (100) to be detached from the system unit (10). The display unit (30) may be opened and closed using a link mechanism (90) so that it folds against the system (10) and the keyboard (100) when closed and the keyboard (100) attached. An IR terminal (21) on the system unit (10) or the keyboard (100) is used for communications between the keyboard (100) and system (10) when the keyboard (100) is detached from the system unit (10). When the keyboard (100) is detached from the

system unit (10), the system unit (10) acts as a base on which the display (30) may be swung back along the guide (91).

The applicant's present invention is a device for storing a keyboard (16) between a main unit (14) and a display unit (12) when not in use. A supporting member (20) having an engaging portion (20b) is utilized in an embodiment to support the keyboard (16) while not in use. Utilizing the present invention it is possible to save space on a surface when the keyboard (16) is not in use.

The applicant's present invention differs from Kimura et al. by placing the keyboard between the main unit (14) and the display unit (12). Whereas, Kimura et al. places the keyboard (100) at the front end of the system unit (10) and not between the display unit (30) and the system unit (10).

Therefore, independent claims 1 and 7 patentably distinguish over the prior art relied upon, as exemplified by claim 1, by reciting,

"An electronic apparatus detachably connected to an input device, comprising: a main unit; a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit; and a retaining mechanism retaining at least one portion of the input device into the space which is formed by the display unit and the main unit." (Emphasis Added)

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kimura et al. (US Patent 6,108,716) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1, 3, 5 and 7, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

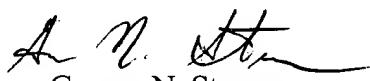
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as indicated below:

[ELECTRONIC APPARATUS AND INPUT] **A KEYBOARD STORAGE DEVICE FOR A COMPUTER SYSTEM**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electronic apparatus detachably connected to an input device, comprising:

- a main unit;
- a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit; and
- a retaining mechanism retaining at least one portion of the input device [between] into the space which is formed by the display unit and the main unit.

3. (Amended) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim [2] 1, wherein the supporting member is mounted so as to be storable in the main unit when the input device is not being stored.

5. (Amended) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim [4] 1, wherein the engaging member is mounted so as to be storable in the main unit when the input device is not being

stored.

7. (Amended) An input device detachably connected to an electronic apparatus[, the electronic apparatus comprising] having a main unit and a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit, the input device comprising:

at least one engaging member engaging the main unit so that at least one portion of the input device is retained [between] into the space which is formed by the display unit and the main unit.